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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Trevor DOUGLAS, et al.

Application No.: 09/734,206

Filed: December 12, 2000

For: NANOSCALE PARTICLES SYNTHESIZED WITHIN AN ASSEMBLED VIRION

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**AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated September 9, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

*Please amend claims 22 and 25 to read as follows:*

*C1* 22. (Amended) The virion-constrained nanoparticle according to claim 21, wherein said nanoparticle of non-viral origin comprises an organic material.

*C2* 25. (Amended) The virion constrained nanoparticle according to claim 21, wherein said virion constrained nanoparticle comprises particles having dimensions substantially in the nanometer range and which comprise a collection of atoms and/or molecules ranging in number from 1 to the number that can fit inside the volume of the selected virion whereby the maximum